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Applicants : Hirokazu NAGASAWA et al. Notice of Allowance
Dated: 08/16/2005
Serial No. : 09/604,632 Confirmation No. 3984
For : SIGNAL INPUT AND OUTPUT APPARATUS THAT
DISCRIMINATES BETWEEN PLURALITY OF DIFFERENT
DEVICES EACH ISSUING UNIQUE CONTROL SIGNALS
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGH SINGLE
TRANSMISSION PATH
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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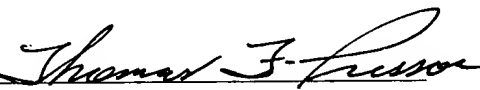
Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which
accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed August 16, 2005. To the extent the Examiner's

Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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